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Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Wally Mechler; Randy Rathbun
Cc: Nelson, David C NWK; Smisek, Bertie A NWK; Roemerma, Paul
Subject: Forbes AFB - Monitoring Wells on Mechler Property

Dear Mr. Mechler,

Mr. Calderon relayed to me that during his visit on November 13, 2013 to sample the Granulated Active Carbon (GAC) filter at your residence, you indicated that you would like to have all the monitoring wells on your property abandoned. This would include the backfilling of the wells and the removal of all surface features down to a depth of three feet as required by the State of Kansas.

If you were to allow the existing monitoring wells to be left in place, they would likely be used in the future as part of a monitoring network to assist in tracking the contamination plume. After a Decision Document is signed for the site, we will prepare a Remedial Action Work Plan, followed by periodic sampling of the wells. You would continue to receive the results of any sampling events done on your property. Although the easement process has been stalled for some time now, if you were to reconsider your request for removing the monitoring wells, we would be interested in completing the process of gaining the easement. As in the past, we would conduct a real estate appraisal in order to determine the fair market value of the easement to pay to you.

If, however, it is still your desire to have the wells abandoned, I would ask you to confirm in writing that you want all the wells removed. Our Real Estate Division will prepare for your signature a Right-of-Entry to allow access your property for the time needed to accomplish the well removal work.

In addition, we will also provide you a separate Right-of-Entry form to allow us access to your property to sample your GAC unit. We will continue to coordinate the dates and time of the sampling events with you in advance, just as we have been doing. Since your drinking water has never shown any indication of contamination, if you do not want to provide access we could arrange for the removal of the GAC unit, or the transfer of it to you.

I am copying this email to the state and federal regulators as your decision will significantly impact our ability to track the future movement of the plume. I am also copying this email to your counsel since the litigation at the site is not yet resolved. I sincerely hope you will reconsider your request.

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